

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on January 11, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)  
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)  
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)  
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)  
Rep. Dick Haines (R)  
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)  
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)  
Rep. Matt McCann (D)  
Rep. Red Menahan (D)  
Rep. Ray Peck (D)  
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)  
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)  
Rep. John Witt (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. John Cobb (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. These minutes were recorded on a Sony BI-85 set and references are recorded in inches rather than minutes.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Posted: 1/07/99  
Hearing Date: HB 3, 1/11/1999

Chairman Tom Zook called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Vice Chairman Steve Vick assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Tom Zook presented opening remarks on HB 3.

Proponents and Questions from the Committee:

Patrick Chenovick, Administrator, Montana Supreme Court

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a01)

Linda Vaughey, Commissioner of Political Practices

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a02)

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a03)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 135; Comments : Due to equipment failure, the first portion of this meeting was not recorded. The counter is measured in inches rather than minutes due to the change in type of recorder used.}*

Further Proponents and Questions from the Committee:

Beth Baker, Department of Justice

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a04)

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a05)

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 135 - 225}*

Don Artley, Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Division

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a06)

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 225 - 343}*

Jerry Keck, Department of Labor & Industry

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a07)

*{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 344 - Side B: 023;*

*Comments: Exhibit 7 consists of six pages.}*

Sen. Mohl and Sen. McNutt

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 68}*

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Zook closed and resumed the chair.

**EXHIBIT** (aph07a08)

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 68 - 87; Comments : Exhibit 8 submitted without testimony.}*

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Matt McCann stated the purpose of the bill.

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 87 - 150}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 150 - 165}*

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 165 - 450; Comments :*

*Questions run to the end of tape. Recess called until 4 PM.}*

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Rep. Toni Hagener stated the purpose of HB 41.

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 58}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Ward Shanahan, State Bar

**EXHIBIT**(aph07a09)

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 58 - 75}*

Chief Justice J. A. Turnage

**EXHIBIT**(aph07a10)

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 75 - 171}*

Larry Fasbender, Department of Justice

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 171 - 216}*

Robert Throssell, Montana Magistrates Association

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 216 - 233}*

Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 233 - 240}*

Mary Phippin, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court

**EXHIBIT**(aph07a11)

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 240 - 253}*

Nancy Sweeney, Lewis & Clark District Court Clerk **EXHIBIT** (aph07a12)  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 253 - 272}

Patrick Chenovick, Administrator, Supreme Court  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 272 - 298}

Opponents' Testimony:

Jeff Koch, Collections Bureau Services  
{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 298 - 362}

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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B; Approximate Counter 317}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Hagener presented closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

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REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

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JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (aph07aad)